

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Kindly cancel original claims 1 - 8 without prejudice, in favor of new claims 9 - 16.

Claims 1 - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A process for accelerating the setting of construction chemistry products containing hydraulically setting binders, comprising adding an accelerant composition containing a water-redispersible polymer powder composition comprising a) homo- or copolymers of one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of unbranched or branched C<sub>1-15</sub> alkylcarboxylic acids, methacrylic esters and acrylic esters of C<sub>1-15</sub> alcohols, vinylaromatics, olefins, dienes, and vinyl halides, and one or more protective colloids, and optionally, one or more antiblocking agent(s), and b) one or more accelerant compounds selected from the group of alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of organic C<sub>1-4</sub> carboxylic acids, added to said water-redispersible polymer following polymerization.

10. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein said accelerant compound(s) comprise magnesium or calcium salts of C<sub>1-4</sub> carboxylic acids.

11. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein said accelerant compound(s) comprise calcium salts of C<sub>1-4</sub> carboxylic acids.

12. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the homo- or copolymers comprise at least one of vinyl acetate homopolymers, copolymers of vinyl acetate with ethylene, copolymers of vinyl acetate with ethylene and with one or more other vinyl esters, copolymers of vinyl acetate with ethylene and acrylic ester, copolymers of vinyl acetate with

ethylene and vinyl chloride, styrene-acrylic ester copolymers, or styrene-1,3-butadiene copolymers.

13. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein said protective colloid comprises partially hydrolyzed or fully hydrolyzed, optionally hydrophobicized polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 100 mol% and having a Höppler viscosity of from 1 to 30 mPas in 4% strength aqueous solution.

14. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the amount of the setting-accelerant component b), based on the total weight of the powder composition, is from 1 to 20% by weight.

15. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the construction chemistry product is one selected from the group consisting of construction adhesives, tile adhesives, exterior insulation system adhesives, plasters and renders, trowelling compositions, floor-filling compositions, self-leveling compositions, sealing slurries, jointing mortars, and paints.

16. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the construction chemistry product is a spray mortar or spray concrete for construction work in civil or structural engineering, or in the lining of tunnel walls